

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A panel assembly comprising a panel; and a frame having a generally annular shape and including first and second sections, said panel being retained between said first and second sections, said frame including a snap-fit device positioned on at least one of said first and second sections for attaching said second section to said first section, thereby facilitating the assembly of said panel with said frame.

2. The assembly of Claim 1, wherein said first section has an opening therein; and said panel has a surface, said surface being exposed through said opening.

3. The assembly of Claim 2, wherein said surface includes a writing surface.

4. The assembly of Claim 3, wherein said device includes at least one first coupling member, which is provided on said first section of said frame, and at least one second coupling member, which is provided on said second section of said frame, said at least one first member being coupled to said at least one second member.

5. The assembly of Claim 4, wherein said at least one first member includes a plurality of tabs formed on said first section of said frame, each of said tabs including a first locking surface; and wherein said at least one second member includes

a plurality of mounting holes, which are formed in said second section of said frame, and a plurality of second locking surfaces, which are provided on said second section of said frame, each of said tabs being received in a corresponding one of said mounting holes such that each of said first locking surfaces of said tabs interlocks with a corresponding one of said second locking surfaces of said at least one second member.

6. The assembly of Claim 5, wherein said first section of said frame includes a first wall having a generally annular shape, said tabs being located on said first wall of said first section; and wherein said second section of said frame includes a second wall having a generally annular shape, said mounting holes being formed in said second wall of said second section, said second locking surfaces of said at least one second member being defined by said second wall of said second section.

7. The assembly of Claim 6, wherein said second section includes a pair of ribs projecting from said second wall and defining a groove therebetween, each of said mounting holes being formed in said second wall substantially between said ribs.

8. The assembly of Claim 4, wherein said at least one first member includes a plurality of tabs formed on said first section of said frame, each of said tabs including a first locking surface; and wherein said at least one second member includes a plurality of notches, which are formed in said second section of said frame, each of said tabs being received in a corresponding one of said notches so as to attach said first and second sections of said frame to each other.

9. The assembly of Claim 8, wherein said first section of said frame includes a first wall having a generally annular shape, said tabs being located on said first wall of said first section; and wherein said second section of said frame includes a second wall having a generally annular shape, said notches being formed in said second wall of said second section along a perimeter thereof, said panel being captured between said first and second walls.

10. The assembly of Claim 9, further comprising retaining means for retaining each of said tabs in a corresponding one of said notches.

11. The assembly of Claim 10, wherein said retaining means includes first retaining members, which project from said first wall of said first section of said frame, and second retaining members, which project from said second wall of said second section of said frame.

12. The assembly of Claim 11, wherein each of said tabs is interposed by a corresponding pair of said first retaining members; and wherein each of said notches being interposed by a corresponding pair of said second retaining members, each of said first retaining members engaging a corresponding one of said second retaining members so as to inhibit lateral movement of said second wall relative to said first wall.

13. The assembly of Claim 1, wherein said frame includes an exterior wall and a storage pocket, said storage pocket being covered at least partially by said exterior wall so as to receive and hold a writing instrument therein.

14. The assembly of Claim 1, wherein said frame includes an exterior wall, a first storage pocket, which is formed in said body for receiving a writing instrument in a first orientation, and a second storage pocket, which is formed in said body for receiving a writing instrument in a second orientation which is different from said first orientation.

15. A panel assembly comprising a panel; and a frame coupled to said panel and having at least one side, which includes an exterior wall, said at least one side including a channel extending through said exterior wall in a direction substantially collinear with said at least one side, said channel defining a storage pocket sized and shaped so as to receive and hold a writing instrument.

16. The assembly of Claim 15, wherein said exterior wall covers said channel such that said storage pocket is formed at least partially within said exterior wall.

17. The assembly of Claim 16, wherein said panel includes a writing surface; and wherein said frame includes an opening, said writing surface being exposed through said opening.

18. The assembly of Claim 17, wherein said frame includes a cutout formed in said exterior wall, said cutout communicating with said channel such that a writing instrument can be inserted into said channel through said cutout.

19. The assembly of Claim 18, wherein said frame includes a first section and a second section, which are attached to each other so as to capture said panel therebetween, each of said first and second sections including at least one wall, said at least one wall of said first section and said at least one wall of said second section defining said exterior wall.

20. A panel assembly comprising a panel; and a frame coupled to said panel and having at least one side, which includes at least one exterior wall, said at least one side including first and second channels extending through said at least one exterior wall, said first channel defining a first storage pocket for receiving a writing instrument in a first orientation, and said second channel defining a second storage pocket for receiving a writing instrument in a second orientation which is different from said first orientation.

21. The assembly of Claim 20, wherein said at least one exterior wall covering said first and second channels such that each of said first and second storage pockets is formed at least partially within said at least one exterior wall.

22. The assembly of Claim 21, wherein said frame includes a cutout formed in said at least one exterior wall, said cutout communicating with at least one of said first and second channels such that a writing instrument can be inserted into said at least one of said first and second channels through said cutout.

23. The assembly of Claim 22, wherein said panel includes a writing surface; and wherein said frame includes an opening, said writing surface being exposed through said opening.